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PORTUGAL

I HAVE NOT SEEN ANY AGENDA FOR THE LONDON COM MEETING SO
I DONT'T KNOW WHETHER WE WILL EACH BE EXPECTED TO MAKE A BRIEF
PRESENTATION ON OUR COUNTRY SITUATIONS OR WHETHER THE
MEETING WILL BE STRUCTURED AROUND REGIONAL AND FUNCTIONAL
ISSUES. IF THE LATTER IS TO BE THE CASE, I WOULD LIKE
TO PROPOSE THAT A FEW MINUTES BE DEVOTED TO PORTUGAL AS A
REGIONAL ISSUE. AS YOU WILL SEE FROM A SERIES OF MESSAGES
WE WILL BE SENDING OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT FEW DAYS, I
BELIEVE THAT THE GRIM PORTUGUESE ECONOMIC SITUATION WILL
REQUIRE A MAJOR COOPERATIVE EFFORT BY THE OTHER EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES AND THE U.S. A BRIEF DISCUSSION AT LONDON COULD
SERVE THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MY COLLEAGUES WITH BACKGROUND
FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS OF THE PORTUGUESE PROBLEM
IN CAPITALS. IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO GET THEIR VIEWS AS
HOW BEST TO ORCHESTRATE AN APPROACH TO THE EUROPEANS.
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